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Long-neglected South Street theater may find second life Developer wants to buy building left vacant since 1970 Royal Theater is just one of numerous deserted theaters from Philly's past {page 02}

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# ROYAL REBIRTH?

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# Old theater, new hope

- Developer wants to take reins off of Royal Theater long left dormant on South Street
- Could brush up against opposition if project near Broad Street includes residential

EXTERIOR PHOTOS: PAIGE OZAROSKI/METRO

▶ The exterior of the Royal on South Street looks vibrant, but the theater hasn't been operational since 1970.

For decades, the Royal Theater on South Street was known as a landmark for African-American entertainers, weekend matinees and children's talent shows.

In recent decades, however, the building has sat vacant, deteriorating as plans to restore it as an entertainment venue fell short. But neighbors have renewed hope amid word that the theater is up for sale.

Ori Feibush, of OCF Realty, said yesterday he has made an offer on the building and four adjacent lots with hopes of redeveloping it for mixed use with commercial space and apartments.

"It's a block we would love nothing more than to restore to much of its original glory. The Royal Theater is the reason that block has been held back," said Feibush, whose company has redeveloped several homes in the Point Breeze community and owns multiple properties on South Street.

**"We support development of this property, but will fight non-commercial usage along South Street."**

MARCUS IANNOZZI SAID IN AN E-MAIL

Feibush would not disclose the amount of the offer, but said it would be the company's largest project to date. He emphasized that no agreement has been reached.

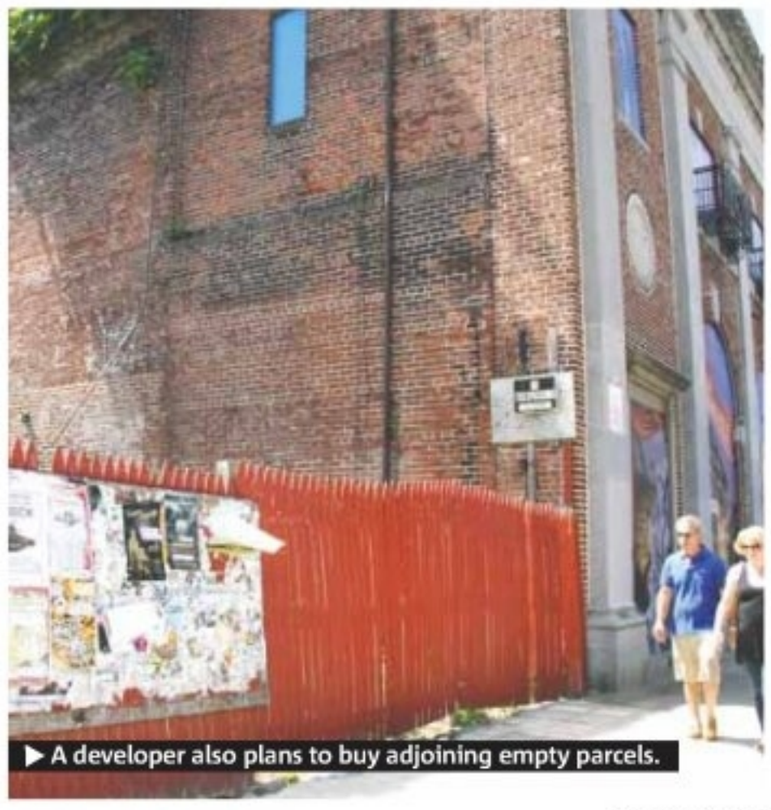
Shuttered since 1970, Kenny Gamble's Universal Companies bought the theater and adjacent lots in 2000 reportedly for $300,000. Universal's plans to revive the Royal as an entertainment venue have not materialized due to a lack of funding. The company, through a spokesperson, declined to confirm or deny whether the property was for sale.

Business owners in the area said redevelopment of the Royal could be a big boost for business.

"I've been waiting a long time. I'm glad to know something's going to happen," said Jesse Frisby-Hyden, who is relocating her women's boutique and herb store after more than 40 years of being across from the Royal. She is featured in a mural on the front of the theater.

## Royal history

- **1920:** Brothers Abraham and Morris Wax opened the 1,100 seat-theater as a first-run movie house for African-Americans. It would become a live-entertainment venue featuring the likes of Cab Calloway and Billie Holiday.
- **1970:** The theater closed due to shrinking audiences and neighborhood decline.
- **1973:** Developer Michael Singer reportedly bought the property at a sheriff's sale, but sat on the property until notified by the city that he would be sued for code violations.
- **1998:** Singer sells the Theater to the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. The group then sold it to Kenny Gamble's Universal Companies in 2000.
- **2012:** The theater remains vacant and shows further signs of deterioration, with trees growing out of the roof. Universal is reportedly accepting offers.



▶ A developer also plans to buy adjoining empty parcels.

"I would like to see something that would keep the African-American history here," she said.

Marcus Iannozzi, president of the South Street West Business Association, said the group is excited about potential redevelopment and fully supports any efforts to retain commercial space along the corridor.

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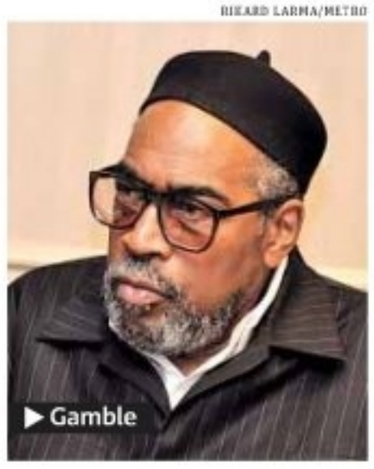

▶ Gamble

## Stunted growth

The Royal Theater is one of several former theaters in the city that have struggled to find new life as an entertainment venue or new type of development.

- **Name:** Boyd Theatre
  **Location:** Chestnut between 19th and 20th streets
  **Latest:** A plan for a live-entertainment venue and high-rise hotel fell through when developer Hal Wheeler abruptly died. Live Nation is still the owner.
- **Name:** Uptown Theatre
  **Location:** 2240 N. Broad St.
  **Latest:** The Uptown Development and Entertainment Corp. is trying to raise $5 million to redevelop the facility as a technology center, artist lofts and office space.
- **Name:** Metropolitan Opera House
  **Location:** 858 N. Broad St.
  **Latest:** The former opera house and cinema is home to a congregation and nonprofit organization that planned to restore the interior of the property.
- **Name:** Devon Theatre
  **Location:** Frankford Avenue near Barnett Street
  **Latest:** The property closed after a brief stint as a performing arts venue in 2009.

## In the news

### Cop allegedly faked shooting

A Chalfont police officer allegedly shot himself while on duty, staging an elaborate ruse that led to a futile manhunt. Jon Cousin, 32, allegedly reported he was shot early Monday by a man who got out of a car during a traffic stop. But officials with the Bucks County District Attorney's Office said there was in fact no vehicle stop at all. METRO

## In the news

### Priest trial

The Rev. James Brennan, the Roman Catholic priest whose jury was hung earlier this year, will be retried next March, a judge said yesterday. Brennan is accused of attempting to sexually assault a 14-year-old boy in 1996. He stood trial with Monsignor William Lynn in a landmark three-month case. After 13 days of deliberating, the jury could not reach a verdict on two charges against Brennan. METRO

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# 'Dark cloud' again looms over Sigel

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▶ Sigel, aka Dwight Grant, posed for publicity shots related to his new album, "This Time."

It seemed that perennially troubled hometown hip-hop great Beanie Sigel's career was on the rise. He had a string of show dates lined up in the days before he was due to report to federal prison to serve a two-year bid for tax evasion. On Tuesday, he released "This Time," his fifth studio album and the first to drop in seven years, to largely positive reviews. By all accounts, the former king of the Philly rap scene had cleaned up his act, prepared himself to face the music and would exit prison poised to reclaim his crown.

That all came crashing down early yesterday morning, when Sigel was arrested by state troopers during a traffic stop on I-95 in Tinicum Township and charged with five felonies and two misdemeanors after a search of his pockets allegedly turned up a bottle of codeine cough syrup with the label scratched off, along with pills and plastic baggies stuffed inside a cigarette pack and $4,650 in cash.

"It's unfortunate," said rapper Philly Chase, who has worked with Sigel in the past. "He's a big-timer, a great guy. I wish the best for him and his family, and I'm sorry there's this dark cloud over his career. I just don't understand it."

A further search of the car, in which Sigel was a passenger, allegedly revealed up a .38 Smith & Wesson Special in the car's upper center console. Sigel is now facing charges that include possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute and unlawful possession of a firearm.

"Obviously we're very disappointed," CEO of Ruffhouse Records Chris Schwartz said in a statement. "However, Beanie has done nothing but display the utmost professionalism in all of the initiatives related to the promotion of his new release. Beanie has obviously been struggling with some personal issues, and we continue to support him now and throughout his impending incarceration."

Attorney Fortunato Perri Jr. said he expects to represent Sigel, but it is too soon to discuss details of the case. "We're still reviewing the allegations and the circumstances of the arrest," Perri said.

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## Jimmy Kimmel may have to wait

Sigel was scheduled to play six shows before his Sept. 12 imprisonment, including a Sept. 6 date on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and a concert at the TLA in Philadelphia on Sept. 8. Those are now up in the air. "It's too early to tell," Ruffhouse Records spokesman Randy Alexander said of the planned appearances. "That's up to the legal system at this point."

## Album release, new arrest just coincidence?

Troopers pulled over a tan Ford Fusion shortly before 3:15 a.m. yesterday because it was tailgating a tractor trailer and weaving in and out of the lane. While speaking with its driver, the officer noticed a man sleeping in the front passenger seat, later identified as Sigel.

Though the timing of Sigel's arrest and album release are highly coincidental, Chase said he believes it's just that. He dispelled rumors that Sigel would stage a publicity stunt to promote the record. "I think for some artists that really don't have any cred or really have something to prove, they might try to do that, like a first-timer," he said. "But somebody like him with a rap sheet like that, he doesn't have anything to prove. I don't think he wants that kind of publicity. I don't see him being in a situation where he gets caught with guns and drugs and views that as a good thing for his career."

**Quoted**

**"I think for some artists that really don't have any cred or really have something to prove, they might try to do that ... but ... he doesn't have anything to prove."** CHASE

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# Hurricane Isaac drenches US Gulf Coast, tests New Orleans

Floodwater from Hurricane Isaac jumped a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans on Wednesday, but the multibillion-dollar barriers built to protect the city itself after the 2005 Katrina disaster were not breached, officials said.

The lumbering Category 1 hurricane was lashing the Gulf Coast, threatening to flood towns in Mississippi and Louisiana with a deluge of rain, storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour.

With the storm nearly stalled, rainfall accumulations totaling as much as 20 inches in some areas were expected.

"There are no risks. It is holding exactly as we expected it to and is performing exactly as it should. There are no people on rooftops from flooding that even approximates what happened during Katrina," New Orleans Mayor Mitchell Landrieu said.

Police and National Guard units, many wielding automatic assault rifles, patrolled the virtually empty downtown quarter of the port city, which normally hums with tourists drawn to its jazz bars, Creole cuisine and French colonial architecture.

Tree limbs and street signs littered the streets and power was cut intermittently throughout the city, but authorities reported no security problems. **REUTERS**

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**Storm surges of up to 12 feet and top sustained winds up to 75 miles per hour**

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▶ Hurricane Isaac was wobbling northwestward at about 6 mph, a slow pace that increases the threat of rain-induced flooding.

## Oil lower as offshore damage limited

Brent crude prices edged lower in choppy trading on Wednesday, while U.S. oil futures fell on expectations that damage from Hurricane Isaac to oil production will be limited and in reaction to data showing a sharp rise in U.S. crude oil stocks.

Brent crude losses were tempered by upcoming North Sea maintenance, the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East and the possibility of a strike by Norwegian oil service sector workers.

Technical support was a factor, with Brent's pull back stalling 2 cents above its 200-day moving average of $111.48 a barrel.

Hurricane Isaac drove water over the top of a levee on the outskirts of New Orleans, but the barriers built to protect the city itself after Katrina were not breached, officials said. **REUTERS**

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## Lohan is having a bad week, even for Lohan

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▶ Linds, we really hope this wasn't from the mini bar.

**Lindsay Lohan** almost had a good day yesterday. After it looked like she was all but headed back to jail for swiping $100,000 worth of jewelry at a house party, the L.A. County District Attorney decided not to prosecute her. Unfortunately, the Chateau Marmont — the swanky hotel she's called home since May — decided to kick her out.

In an eviction notice obtained by TMZ, general manager **Philip Pavel** takes issue with the $46,350 bill the actress has managed to rack up. "As we have made repeated attempts to resolve this pressing matter over the last few weeks without any resolute, I regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to extend any further credit for you to remain in the hotel," he writes.

Pavel goes on to add a little comedic flair: "I have adjusted off the daily $75 charge for computer rental for use of the hotel's laptop as a gesture of good faith, with the understanding that you will return the computer."

Also included with the letter is an itemized invoice of the charges, including $686 for cigarettes (to be fair, they were charging her $14 a pack) and $100 for a "Chateau Candle" — which we certainly hope is code for something much more exciting than a candle.

### Charlie Sheen settling in for the long haul

**Charlie Sheen**'s new sitcom, "Anger Management," received a 90-episode order from FX, it was announced yesterday.

The show certainly earned its renewal: "Anger Management" was the highest-rated new comedy series on cable, averaging an impressive 4.53 million viewers.

That means there's a lot of you we need declare dead to us. Yet, we're strangely comfortable with it.

### Bad move, Pattinson

**Robert Pattinson** moved out of the posh L.A. mansion he shared with **Kristen Stewart** immediately after she admitted to cheating on him with director **Rupert Sanders**. Now, he's preparing to sell the house — as plenty of his famous neighbors take huge losses on their properties — because "there are too many memories," a source tells Us Weekly.

Robert Pattinson, are you listening to yourself? You sound like a straight-to-DVD **Drew Barrymore** movie. There are plenty of ways to girlfriend-exterminate an L.A. mansion — give our boy **Prince Harry** a call.

Pattinson

### The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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# Lessons from divorcees

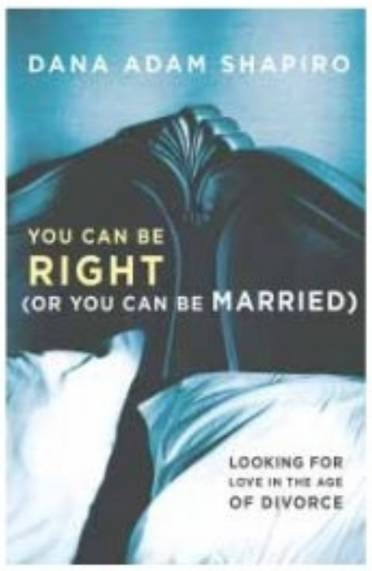
KIRA SUBIN
Shapiro

## A new crowd-sourced book offers the wisdom gained from those who have loved and lost in matrimony

The Dana Adam Shapiro of a few years ago would not have ordered a steak while out on a first date with a vegetarian. But after spending years interviewing divorcees for his new book "You Can Be Right or You Can Be Married" (on sale Sept. 4), the Shapiro of today would order of a juicy slab of meat as a changed man.

"That was a very tangible effect of the book," he admits. "So much of the dating process is theatrical. ... You're sort of auditioning, and when you're doing so you're not really being yourself. ... The inevitability is that your real self is going to come through, so you better do it sooner rather than later."

This is just one of the lessons the author took away in the writing of his book. He interviewed dozens of anonymous divorcees who offered unvarnished accounts of their own heartbreak. From there, he extracted a few near-universal truths that he offers to Metro readers:




**1 Cheating happens because of complacency:** "[Divorce happens when] people aren't putting that effort in any more," Shapiro observes. "That's probably the worst thing you can do. You really do just have to re-earn it all the time."

**2 We often expect problems to solve themselves:** "One woman said to me, 'A man marries a woman hoping that she won't change and a woman marries a man hoping he will change — and he doesn't,'" Shapiro says. "We bury a lot of the problems in the hopes that they'll just get better."

**3 There is such a thing as compromising too much:** "I think a lot of people try to be the ideal spouse, but sometimes it's at their own expense," he adds. "You wake up 10 years later thinking, 'I'm not me anymore.'"

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**2 'The Possession':** Catholics have been exorcising demons for the big screen pretty regularly since "The Exorcist," but now the Jewish people get to expel an evil spirit from a young girl who becomes obsessed with a box.

**3 'Premium Rush':** Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars as a bike messenger carrying a package that everyone seems to want.

**4 'The Apparition':** "Twilight" star Ashley Greene plays a student who proves that the mind can conjure a ghost.

**5 'Hit and Run':** Real-life couple Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell star in this film about a reformed criminal whose bank-robbing buddies return to settle a debt.

**6 'The Expendables 2':** Sylvester Stallone once again leads an all-star cast in this testosterone-fueled romp about a group of mercenaries.

THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

▶ Tom Hardy takes aim in "Lawless," in theaters now.

**Must-see**

**1 'Lawless'** Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jessica Chastain star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business until a nasty new deputy (Guy Pearce) comes to put a bloody end to their moonshining ways.

**7 'ParaNorman':** In the tradition of quirky children's films comes "ParaNorman," a stop-motion flick about a boy who is tasked with saving his town from an undead uprising.

**8 'Sparkle':** This film stars the late Whitney Houston as a single mother raising Sparkle (Jordin Sparks) and two other daughters who dream of stardom.

**9 'The Bourne Legacy':** The "Bourne" franchise gets another installment, this time featuring budding action star Jeremy Renner.

**10 'The Campaign':** A congressman (Will Ferrell) receives a challenge from corporate puppet (Zach Galifianakis) for re-election. METRO


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## TV watch list

### 'Gigolos'

**REALITY.** We didn't think the boys of Cowboys 4 Angels escort service had it in them to last for three seasons. Guess that's why they're pros.
**Season premiere, 11 p.m., Showtime**

### 'Project Runway'

**REALITY.** Tonight's winning designer has his or her collection sold at Lord & Taylor, which, of course, is so much cooler than the "auf Wiedersehen" the losing designer is given. **9 p.m., Lifetime**
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▶ Ash, "the top-requested guy out of Miami," joins the "Gigolos" cast.

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### The 'PC police' live inside of your head

**RE: "SOCIAL CENSORING: WACK OR 'PC'?" (METRO, AUG. 28)** I am rather puzzled by Mr. Sharpe's contention that we as a society are increasingly in thrall to some menacing PC dictatorship. Who exactly is this "one group" dictating "what is and what is not acceptable opinion" and how is this control being exercised? You do realize, Mr. Sharpe, that the "PC police" isn't actually a thing, right? In point of fact you are quite free to express your opinions as you see fit and others are equally free to disagree with or take exception to them. You surely don't believe that it is only your side of this exchange that has freedom of expression? Because it certainly sounds like you're saying: I should be free to say whatever I want, and others should not be free to not like it.

**CATHERINE VITTORIO, VIA E-MAIL**

### Some critics melt a little slower

**RE: "GLOBAL WARNING: ARCTIC ICE RETREATS TO RECORD LOW" (METRO, AUG. 29)** It's doubtful that Arctic sea ice is at a record low. The widely trumpeted assertion that the current Arctic ice extent is at a record low is based on single-source satellite data from the NSIDC, and this is an older technology. But the NSIDC also has a new and improved "multisource" data product which does not indicate record-low ice levels. Arctic sea ice is also measured by NOAA through IMS and NATICE systems, neither of which shows record lows, either. As far as global warming being the culprit behind lower-than-normal Arctic sea ice this summer, how does that explain the fact that Antarctic ice is currently at higher-than-normal levels? Or that just last winter, Arctic sea ice was nearly at a record high?

**RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL**

### CEOs only care about bottom lines

So the Republicans are into jobs. But wait a minute — those million-dollar donors to the super-PACs are the same guys that cut wages, cut benefits, cut pension plans totally, moved plants abroad. What makes the cheering "teabaggers" think billionaire Republican CEOs have any intention of providing a bunch of high-paying, good benefit jobs in this country? They're out to do one thing: Increase their own bottom line by paying less wages and of course less taxes. Probably their preference would be no wages, no benefits and no taxes.

**PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA**

### Romney, you've got a honey-do list

This week Americans will be treated to the reintroduction of Mitt Romney. Every single GOP pundit has described this on all the Sunday political shows. In my humble opinion, Gov. Romney has four large issues that need to be dealt with: First, he has to reach American women on women's issues such as abortion. As governor he was pro-choice, and now he's pro-life. Second, he has to prove he is capable of leading the Republican Party by uniting the party. Third, he is now married to Paul Ryan and Ryan's baggage as a member of the "Party of NO Congress."

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## Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A matter that is quite meaningful to you is likely to be resolved to your advantage, yet you might still think you didn't get enough. Don't get greedy.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You'll think far more highly of yourself if you don't modify your views just to placate another. Be your own person at all times, and let the chips fall as they may.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** When it comes to an issue that could advance your work or career, don't broadcast your intentions in advance.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be on guard if you are in the company of two friends who are having a disagreement, so that you're not put in the middle. Whichever side you choose will get you in trouble.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Your financial affairs could turn out favorably, provided you are prudent in the management of your funds. Don't let a good margin get out of hand.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do not pepper your thoughts with reasons why something can't be done. Instead, focus your imagination on positive elements regarding ways to accomplish your purposes.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you are able to separate the wheat from the chaff, this can be a productive day for you. Don't devote more time to the insignificant than to the beneficial and rewarding.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When involved in a group endeavor, single out one person who is shy and hanging back. You're the one who can get him or her to join in and enjoy what is going on.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although things in general are favorable for you, nothing is likely to be handed to you on a silver platter. What you get must be got by your own merit.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** By being methodical and practical, the possibilities for fulfilling your aims will be substantially enhanced. Don't let opportunities of great potential go unfulfilled.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You must be able to recognize the difference between a good value judgment and a poor one in order to be successful. Don't waste time on that which yields sparse rewards.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you might be inclined to think otherwise, someone with whom you're involved will be far more considerate and tolerant than you are. Look at yourself realistically.

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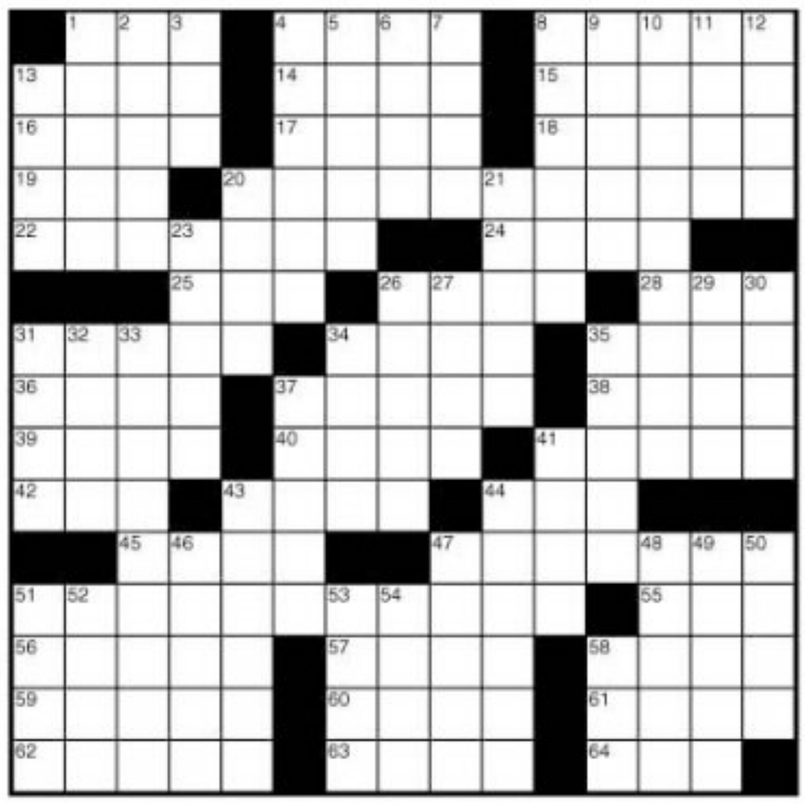

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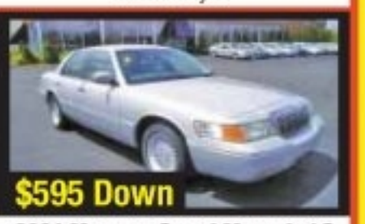
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**Pitcher down**

**Worley shut down for year**

Vance Worley will undergo season-ending surgery next week. The right-hander has been throwing with loose bodies in his right elbow.

Worley (6-9, 4.20) went 0-3 in his last five starts with a 6.75 ERA. Tyler Cloyd was promoted from Triple-A Lehigh.

# Westbrook retires, called 'best chance' the Eagles ever took

## Birds honor former RB with ceremony ◗ 'Nova coach advised Reid to draft him ◗ Praises whole organization

Had Brian Westbrook not attended Villanova, there is a very good chance he wouldn't have caught Andy Reid's eye. Which means all those yards he racked up in midnight green could have easily come in a different-colored uniform.

That all is revisionist history now. Westbrook played at Villanova, grabbed the attention of Reid and was drafted in the third round of the 2002 NFL draft. One round too late, if you ask his college coach.

"I saw Andy Reid at a banquet and I just shook hands with him and I said to him, 'Our No. 20 is very special,' and that's all I said to him. I never said another word to him," said 'Nova coach Andy Talley. "I think they took a chance taking him in the third round, but best chance they ever took."

Westbrook retired as a Philadelphia Eagle yesterday at the NovaCare Complex. The team presented the running back with a short film highlighting his biggest plays, then presented him with a framed No. 36 jersey. He'll be honored again Nov. 23 at the Linc when the Eagles host the Redskins.

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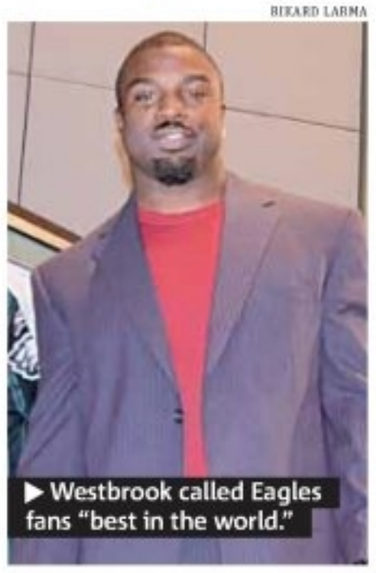

▶ Westbrook called Eagles fans "best in the world."

Westbrook thanked everyone in the room, from team owner Jeffrey Lurie all the way down to the lunch staff in the cafeteria. His parents and extended family sat in the front row beaming with pride.

"I'm blessed to be here and I'm thankful to be here," Westbrook said. "I spent eight good years, eight of the best years of my life in Philadelphia playing for the Eagles. It was, and still is, a great organization."

Reid also gushed praise.

"I've never coached a player as smart as this guy right here," he said. "Unbelievable."

But the proudest in the room might have been Talley, who tutored Westbrook for five years at Villanova. He admitted that he used to get chills when he heard Westbrook's name introduced at Lincoln Financial Field.

"He became a household word, in the Philadelphia area, from Villanova," Talley said. "People still ask me today, 'You coached Brian Westbrook?' Yeah, I coached Brian Westbrook."

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## Be scared of scarcity

Quarterbacks are the most reliable fantasy players, and they are going to score the most raw points. It's also the deepest position on the board.

The difference between **Aaron Rodgers** in Round 1 and **Matt Ryan** in Round 5 isn't going to be that large. The difference between **Ray Rice** and **Isaac Redman** is massive. This year, the scarcest position is running back, followed by tight end and then wide receiver. Don't take a quarterback with any of your first three picks and you'll be on your way.

## Default rankings

Unfortunately, many online drafts are shaped by the rankings provided within applets. Don't be afraid to blaze your own trail. Just because ESPN has **Darren McFadden** 28th overall doesn't mean you can't take him in the first round. They also have **Doug Martin** 70th and **Aaron Hernandez** 87th. Ignore that and stick to your board.

By the same token, be aware that **Kenny Britt** is ranked 161st in the CBS applet. We can wait an extra round or two before pouncing because our opponents won't see him.

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▶ Aaron Rodgers is special, but he's not worth a first-round fantasy pick.

## Adjust to scoring system

Let's say you are in a league that rewards four points for passing touchdowns and one point for a reception. In this format, quarterbacks have almost no relative value when compared to running backs and wideouts.

Conversely, in a non-PPR league that gives out six points for a passing TD, we need to value quarterbacks more. Adjust your cheat sheet.

## NFL news

### 60 Minutes

**Mike Wallace** finally reported to the Steelers on Tuesday, ending his holdout. With just 10 days to get into football shape and get a grip on new OC Todd Haley's scheme, there's a lot of risk here. Wallace could spend the first month running clear-out routes for Antonio Brown.

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## NFL sleepers

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### Jared Cook

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## Top MLB pickups

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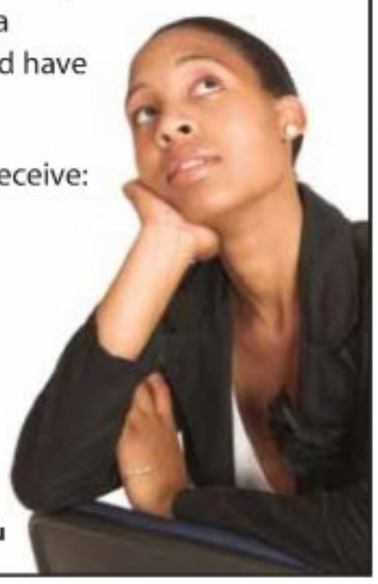

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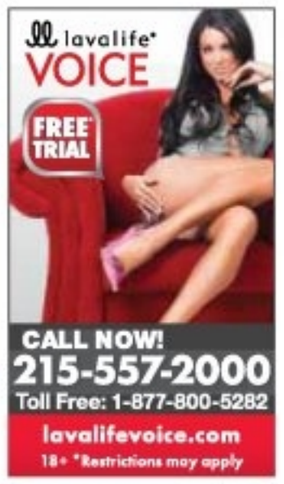

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